"True Worship is a Matter of the Heart"
Genesis 4

Principle: We are all spiritually destitute – incompetent before a competent God.

Principle: The Bible has two themes: Sin and Grace.

Principle: Everyone is a descendant of Adam and Eve so we are all sinners.

Principle: One of the greatest challenges in the church is that there are a great number of consumers and very few participants.

Principle: Do you come to worship like Cain, anticipating giving something to the Lord?

General rule of church life: If your goal is to be disappointed; **you will be**.

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift comes from above."

Principle: Worship is the sacrifice of our life, time, talent, treasure."

Principle: True worship is a matter of the heart.

Principle: Cain's problem is not what he brings in his hands, it is what he brings in his heart.

Principle: We can't come to Jesus if we want to stay stuck in our bad attitudes and behaviors.

Principle: No one is all good – and no one is all bad.

Principle: True worship brings change.

James 1:22 "Don't just hear the Word and so deceive yourselves, do what it says."

How does God respond to the reality of human sin?

1. He issues a curse on Cain.
2. He shows Cain grace.

Galatians 3:13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us."

Ephesians 1:13 "Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."

When we place our trust in Christ, it changes us in four ways:

1. We become incredibly grateful.
2. We become liberated.
3. We become accepting of others.
4. We become committed to sharing grace and justice.